

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/772,288

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's amendment dated 12/28/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4 and 6-8 (re-numbered 1-7).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This Office Action is in response to Applicant's Amendment dated December 28, 2006 in response to USPTO Office Action dated September 29, 2006.

The inclusion of the limitation taught in 'objected to' claim 5 into independent claim 4, and the cancellation of claim 5 are sufficient to place the application in a condition for allowance as set forth hereinbelow.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Relative to claim 1, the major difference between the teachings of the said prior art of record (Nishigaki (USP 6,246,180) taken with Matsumoto (Pub. No. 2004/0095299) and that of the instant invention is that said prior art of record **does not teach** a driver that drives a display composed of EL elements on the basis of a video signal, and EL display driver characterized by comprising: means for forming non-luminescent state in all the EL elements utilizing a vertical blanking period of said video signal; and correction means for correcting the luminance of said video signal such that the shorter a video display time period provided to the EL element becomes, the higher the input video luminance of the EL element becomes in order to form said non-luminescent state.

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Regarding claim 4, the major difference between the teachings of the said prior art of record and that of the instant invention is that said prior art of record **does not teach** an EL display wherein there is provided a vertical shift register for black display, and a black writing start signal is inputted to the vertical shift register for black display at predetermined timing.

Regarding claim 6, , the major difference between the teachings of the said prior art of record and that of the instant invention is that said prior art of record **does not teach** an EL display driver comprising: means for forming a non-luminescent state in all the EL elements utilizing a vertical blanking period of said video signal; an analog-to-digital converter for converting said video signal into video data, means for writing said video data into a memory; means for reading out the video data from said memory such that the direction of video supply in a one-field video is reversed for each field; and means for reversing the direction of video writing into said display for each field in correspondence with the reversal of said direction of video supply for each field.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U. S. Patent No.	7,023,141	Anzai et al.
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U. S. Patent No.	6,351,076	Yoshida et al.
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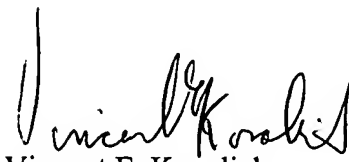
Pub. No.	US 2004/0113872	Nanno et al.
Pub. No.	US 2002/0190664	Tanaka et al.


To Respond

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vincent E. Kovalick whose telephone number is 571-272-7669. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30- 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin Shalwala can be reached on 571-272-7681. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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